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QUALITY OF INDIGENOUS FRUITS
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to improve the quality of indigenous fruits in view of the increasing demand for foreign fruits due to its quality; and

(b) if so, the name of the foreign fruits which are much in demand in the market alongwith the steps being taken to protect the indigenous fruit market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No survey has been conducted on the demand of foreign fruits in India. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is conducting regular research programmes for improving the quality of all commercial and indigenous fruits. Besides, the import duty of fruits is enhanced from time to time to protect the indigenous fruit market.